

no amendments to the claims. Claims 1-4 and 71-72 are still pending in the present application. Entry of the amendments, and reexamination and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 71-72 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. Des. 341,407 to McLeese ("McLeese '407") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,778,915 to Zheng ("Zheng '915"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In response to this rejection, Applicant has amended the specification so that the present application claims priority from Zheng '915. Enclosed herewith is a new Declaration executed by the inventor that identifies all the priority applications. Thus, Zheng '915 is no longer prior art, so withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Since this rejection was the only issue raised in the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending application is now in condition for allowance.

In light of the above, entry of the amendments, and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if there are any informal matters that can be resolved in a phone conversation, or if the Examiner has any suggestions or ideas that would further advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully Submitted,



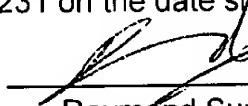
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